

REMARKS

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of January 13, 2006.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5, 7-21, 23-24, 26, 30, and 32-33 remain in this application.

Claims 7, 18, 26, 30, and 32 are amended.

Claims 25 and 31 have been canceled.

The Office Action

The previously indicated allowability of claims 21 and 22, now incorporated into claims 18 and 25, respectively, was withdrawn.

Claims 18-21, 25, 26, and 30-33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2004/0134013 to Slone in view of JP 2002085297A to Ohara.

Claims 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over US 2004/0134013 to Slone in view of US JP 2002085297A to Ohara, and further in view of US 5,561,885 to Zahuranec.

Claims 1-5 and 7-17 were allowed.

For the reasons outlined below, it is submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim 7, which was allowed in both prior office actions, has been placed in independent form and incorporates subject matter of claim 1 as originally filed. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 7 is still in condition for allowance.

Claim 18 has been amended to include subject matter of allowed claim 15. Claim 18 now recites a vacuum cleaner comprising a receptacle mounted to a motor vehicle. A casing is selectively mounted to the receptacle. The casing forms a drawer of the receptacle such that an exterior wall of the casing defines a wall of the receptacle.

The references of record alone or in combination, do not suggest such a vacuum cleaner. Slone discloses a portable vacuum unit 90 which is received on a console 24

under a lid 26 of the console. The lid 26 must be lifted to remove the vacuum from a snap fit, socket, or holster mount. There is no suggestion of the vacuum unit 90 having an exterior wall and forming a drawer of the console 24.

The Japanese patent does not supply the deficiencies of Slone. The Japanese patent discloses a vacuum cleaner with a main body 20 incorporating an electric blower and a dust collecting case. There is no suggestion that the main body form a drawer of a receptacle.

Claim 25 has been canceled and claims dependent therefrom made dependent on claim 18.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 18, and claims 19-21, 23-24, 26, and 32-33 dependent therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all claims remaining in the application (Claims 1-5, 7-21, 23-24, 26, 30, and 32-33) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby authorized to call the undersigned at Telephone Number (216) 861-5582.

Respectfully submitted,

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